COMMERCIAL BEEF PRODUCTION FRACTIONALLY ABOVE A YEAR AGO

Commercial beef production (local slaughter) during April totaled 713,000 pounds compared with 712,000 pounds a year earlier. Commercial kill for April 2000 totaled 1,400 head, unchanged from a year ago. Average live weight per head, at 957 pounds, was 2 pounds heavier than a year ago.

U.S. BEEF PRODUCTION

Beef production, at 2.03 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down 6 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,202 pounds.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO **U.S. PORK PRODUCTION**

Commercial pork production during April totaled 414,000 pounds, compared with 464,000 pounds a year ago. Total hog kill of 2,700 head was down 400 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 204 pounds, was 5 pounds heavier than a year earlier.

Pork production totaled 1.39 billion pounds, down 14 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.21 million head, 15 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

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Commercial Staughter, State of Hawaii, April 2000								
0	Number of head		Average live weight		Total live weight ²		Total dressed weight	
Species								
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
		-	pounds		1,000 pounds			
Cattle								
April	1,400	1,400	955	957	1,297	1,298	712	713
Year-to-date	5,300	5,500			5,124	5,138	2,813	2,821
Hogs ³								
April	3,100	2,700	199	204	618	552	464	414
Year-to-date	11,800	11,400			2,375	2,303	1,781	1,727

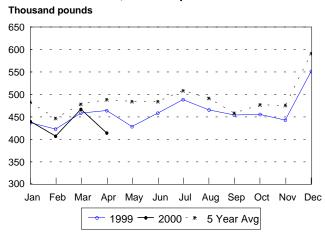
Excludes non-inspected farm slaughter and live cattle and calves shipped out-of-state; includes custom slaughter.

² Estimates based on 54.9 dressing percentage for cattle; 75.0 dressing percentage for hogs.

Commercial Beef Production, State of Hawaii 2000, with comparisons

Thousand pounds 1100 1000 900 800 700 600 Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct 1999 2000 - ∗ 5 Year Avg

Commercial Pork Production, State of Hawaii 2000, with comparisons



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³ Excludes non-inspected farm slaughter; includes custom slaughter and live hog inshipments from the mainland for slaughter.